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OVER THE RANGE.

Under this name J. Harrison Mills, well known in this vicinity, published a poem of no little beauty, which appeared in *The Globe* magazine during one of the winter months. The poem was preceded by the representation of a miner sitting with bare feet, musing in front of his fire, on which a coffee pot and kettle are boiling, while there is also the explanation that "in early times in Colorado, it used to be said of a dead miner that he had 'Gone over the Range.'"—*Denver News*.

Half sleeping, by the fire I sit;
I start and wake; it is so strange
To find myself alone, and Tom
Across the Range.

We brought him in with heavy feet,
And eased him down, from eye to eye
Though no one spoke, there passed a fear
That Tom must die.

He rallied when the sun was low,
And spoke, I thought the words were strange
"It's almost night, I must go
Across the Range."

"What, Tom?" he smiled and nodded "yes,
They've hunked it rich there, Jim, you know
Now Tom must go."

I brought his sweetheart's pictured face
Again, that smiled so sad and strange,
"Tell her," he said, "that I have gone
Across the Range."

The fast light lingered on the hill,
"There's a pass somewhere," then he said,
And lip and eye and hand were still,
And Tom was dead.

Half sleeping by the fire I sit;
I start and wake, it is so strange
To find myself alone, and Tom
Across the Range.

TERRITORIAL.

Mr. Alex. G. Irvin, Indian Agent at Cimarron, was married on the 17th of June, at Peoria, Ill., to Miss Katie McKenzie.

The *News and Press* says the *GAZETTE* has proven that Las Vegas is the Centre of the Universe. We did not exactly assert that Las Vegas was the absolute centre of all created things, but it is likely to be the metropolis of New Mexico.

The same paper quotes the price of potatoes at Cimarron at 7 cents per pound—Likewise it says the Ute Indians of that agency are out on a buffalo hunt and that those who remain are squeamish about the fodder issued to them.

A company of the citizens of Colfax County has been organized under command of R. C. Allison, to repel any raids of the plains Indians. The warriors of the Ute and Apache tribes have been invited to assist the citizens. Each man is to keep constantly on hand a hundred rounds of ammunition and five days rations and a set for day at the captain's house at a moment's warning.

The *Silver City Herald* publishes a letter from El Paso, which says:

"The Chihuahua mail of yesterday brings the news that the execution of W. F. T. x and party, which was to have taken place on the 21st instant, had been postponed first until the 26th of May, and again indefinitely postponed until the matter could be deferred to the general government of Mexico. Capital punishment has been abolished in Mexico, except for highway robbery and kidnapping. The plea in the Troxell case is that he committed burglary and murder, which are not capital offenses.

From the same paper we condense: The chloride mines are improving in quantity and quality of ore the deeper they are opened up.—The reduction works are all employed.—The carpenter shop of Robert Black was burned down, with an estimated loss to the owner of \$2,225, in tools and lumber.

The *New Mexican* gives the following sketch of the life of the late Governor Giddings:

"Governor Giddings was a native of Litchfield county, Connecticut, emigrated to Michigan and settled at Kalamazoo in 1831, where at the age of 21 he engaged in the practice of the law and continued in his profession until he came to New Mexico, a period of more than 30 years, during all of which time he was active in politics and was prominently identified with the Republican party since its organization. He held various positions of trust and honor in the State of his adoption, was Probate Judge for eight years, member of the State constitutional convention, republican presidential elector in 1864, and for a number of years represented his state on the national Republican Executive Committee; he enjoyed the confidence and friendship of many of the ablest, truest and most sagacious public men of his state, was appointed counsel general to India by President Grant, but declined the position and in July 1871 was appointed Governor of New Mexico and assumed the duties of the office in August of that year.—He gave special attention to the financial and public school

interests and exerted himself to improve the credit of the Territory; and there has been a very marked improvement of our financial condition and credit and also of our school system during his administration."

From the *Mesilla News* we glean that T. Casad, Esq., has purchased recently one half of the Stephenson (Brazito) grant.—The suit in relation to the Two lkes silver mine, between Bremen & Tidwell and Willison, was lately argued before Judge Bristol, in Chambers.—Silver bars assisted in loading down the coach last week.

SILVER CITY ROAD.

We condense from a letter written from Fort McRae, on the 4th of June, by John Ayres to the *Albuquerque Review*; the following information in reference to the short wagon road from that point to Mimbres and Silver City:

"Lieut. Morrison and Lieut. Fountain attempted to survey a road west of the Mimbres range of mountains, with intention of coming out in the vicinity of Silver City, but after a most persistent effort the route was abandoned as impracticable.

Lieut. Morrison was ordered to head quarters and Lieut. Fountain completed the survey on the eastern side of the range. After a thorough investigation he reports a good practicable route on the east side of the Mimbres Mountains, impracticable on the west.

From the Rio Mimbres to Fort McRae the country is open, requiring but little work. The Gavilan pass into the Mimbres valley is the only point of difficulty; but the work of ten men for ten days will make it good.

The distance from Fort McRae to Fort Bayard, by the way of Fort Selden, the present route, is 174 miles, and by the proposed route it would only be 75, or a saving of 99 miles. Wood and water are abundant and it is a hard pan road with no sand. The route is nearly a direct line from Las Vegas by Punta de Agua, Ojo de Anaya and Fort McRae to the mineral region around Silver City. The Rio Grande is crossed but once and that at the best place on the river."

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.—Don Perfecto Armijo returned from his rancho on Three Rivers and informed the editor of the *Rio Grande Eco* that "on the 25th of May a terrible tragedy occurred at his rancho between two Mexicans, named respectively David Risal and Vicente Luna. They had been jealous one of the other for some time about a woman, and on the aforementioned day concluded to put a stop to the ill feelings against each other and Vicente asked David in what manner he intended to settle the difficulty. David answered 'any way you please.' Vicente jerked out his revolver and clubbed David over the head with it; whereupon the latter drew a knife and stabbed Vicente Luna in four different parts of the body. Vicente is in a precarious state, the wounds being considered dangerous."

THE BLUE HILLS.

While the Solomon valley has been a favorite resort for hunters and homesteaders, nobody, until very recently, ever dreamed of gold existing there. It is a fact, however, says one of our exchanges, that in the Blue Hills, on the Solomon, gold has been discovered, and at the present time a party of about five hundred men are obtaining it in paying quantities.

The Blue Hills have hardly been heard of by any one residing off the valley, but they are there and Uncle Aaron Bell, the oldest settler, says they were located in exactly the same place twenty years ago, and were christened Blue Hills because every one who went there returned looking blue, owing to the fact that it did not appear practicable to cultivate this section, and really they all looked upon this range of hills as being of no account in the world except to shelter antelope, deer, buffalo and redskins.

Rat some one born lucky happened to stumble on to gold in these hills while prospecting for a sheep rancho, and immediately imported the fact to a few chums, who started at once in search of the precious mineral. Of course the news flew fast and in the Solomon valley some of the homesteaders who had been eaten out by grass-hoppers last fall, left their farms for this new Eldorado and to day the most intense excitement prevails in that portion of the plains, news from the prospectors being looked for as eagerly as the dispatches respecting the Brooklyn scandal.

The Indians were all driven out years ago, and Uncle Sam's troops are too busy in the Black Hills to ever think of the hitherto much abused and despised blue ones, so that a man can go out feeling perfectly secure, and need not have his head shaved to protect his scalp.—*Denver News*.

The republicans of California surprised everybody, last Friday, by nominating T. R. Phillips, for governor, as acting governor Pacheco was considered the coming man.

That package with the \$47,000 is now considered to have been "hooked." The visitors galley overlooks the cash room, and by means of a hook at the end of a fine wire, may be "yanked out of sight in the twinkling of an eye," says the *Denver News*.